

# Sequoyah Signal

THE PTA NEWSLETTER OF THE SEQUOYAH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY

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May 2006

## CALENDAR

PTA Meeting	May 2
Spring Musical	May 11 & 12
Mother's Day	May 14
Market Day Pick-up 7:00 - 8:00PM	May 17
Silver Diner Restaurant Night	May 18
Kindergarten Round-up	May 18 & 19
Memorial Day - No School	May 29
Chorus and Band Concerts	Jun 1

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## This month's message from our Principal and our PTA President

Greetings!

We can't believe there are only about 30 school days left of this year! It's been fantastic, and our students and families have accomplished so much together!

Thanks to everyone who supported the Spring Book Fair, and especially to Tam Miller and Ellen Motley for coordinating the courtyard reading and special entertainment during the Fair. We hope everyone stocked up on plenty of books for summer reading!

May and June will fly by. Staff Appreciation Week is coming up May 7-13, our Musical, *School House Rock*, on May 11 & 12, and Kindergarten Orientation on May 18 and 19. Watch for the flier and information about show tickets that is coming home soon! We still need someone to run the sound system for the Musical. Please call Ms. Murphy at school as soon as possible if you can do it, or call Pat Chapin on 301-924-2606. The kids are working hard on the show—and seating will be limited. You won't want to miss it!

In June, the Fifth Grade Farewell will take place during the day on June 13<sup>th</sup>. The fifth Grade Team, headed by Mrs. Beard, has special plans for our graduating students. The Awards Ceremony for K-4 will be on Wednesday morning 6/14. (Time to be determined)

Thanks to all the parents of PTA who've already stepped up to volunteer to chair next year's programs and projects. At the next PTA meeting on May 2, 2006, we will consider the proposed budget, take any additional officer nominations from the floor, and then members will vote in the new officers: The officer candidates for the 2006-07 school year are:

**President: Andrea Troutner**

**1st VP/Programs: Sue Martin**

**2nd VP/Fundraising: Michelle Hicks and Wanda Drake**

**Treasurer: Jeff Freedman**

**Recording Secretary: Lindy Guerra**

**Corresponding Secretary: Jean Sommerville**

We are pleased to tell you that Jean Somerville (whom we nominated for recognition because of her wonderful work with the Special Needs/Partners in Parenting Committee) has been selected as a winner for the Outstanding Parent Award given by the MCCPTA Special Education Committee. She will be recognized at a special ceremony and reception at Rockville High School on May 8 at 7:30 p.m. Thanks for all you do, Jean!

Keep reading and working with your kids on math facts so they finish the year strong and are ready to be promoted to the next grade!

Sincerely,

Pat Chapin  
PTA President

Dr. Bobbi Jasper  
Principal

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## *The Programs Page -- Information and Updates*

Andrea Troutner, 1<sup>st</sup> V.P./Programs

### WANTED ALL ABOARD!

The following open committee chair positions for either a parent and/or teacher volunteer are available for the 2006 - 2007 school year:

- \*Signal Co-chair OPEN
- \*Signal Teacher Liaison OPEN
- \*Copy Club Chair OPEN
- \*School Tool Box Chair OPEN
- \*Family Nights/Spirit Chair OPEN
- \*Reflections Art Program Chair OPEN
- \*Spring Dance Chair and Co-Chair OPEN NOTE: Spring Dance Ticket Coordinator-Jackie Koehn

The Sequoyah April PTA Meeting agreed to eliminate the following committee programs from the Sequoyah PTA programs:

- \*Before and After Care Committee is **now** Before and After Care Liaison
- \*Gifted and Talented Committee is **now** Gifted and Talented Liaison
- \*Homework Club
- \*Haircut Day

### SPECIAL COMMITTEE-NOMINATING UPDATE

All PTA Executive Board Officer elected positions are a minimum of a one year term, with an option for an elected second term, but not to exceed two elected years in the same position. Please come show your support and cast your vote at the May 2<sup>nd</sup> PTA meeting for the Nomination Committees submission of the following candidates for the OPEN board positions this incoming 2006-2007 school year as follows:

President, OPEN with a nomination of Andrea Troutner  
 1<sup>st</sup> VP Programs, OPEN with a nomination of Sue Martin  
 CO-2<sup>nd</sup> VP Fundraising, OPEN with a nomination of Michelle Hicks & Wanda Drake  
 Treasurer, OPEN with a nomination of Jeff Freedman  
 Recording Secretary, OPEN with a nomination of Lindy Guerra  
 Corresponding Secretary, OPEN with a nomination of Jean Sommerville

The following two PTA Executive Board Officer non-elected positions have no term limits. The status of these two positions within the school year 2006-2007 have remained unchanged since last months newsletter are as follows:

Co-Volunteer Coordinator, Andrea Dumas and OPEN  
 Co-Delegate, Martha Schaerr and OPEN

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**Martha Schaerr**  
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**Andi Dumas**  
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### May Staff Birthdays

May 1 Ms. Kathleen McInnis  
 May 3 Mr. Ron Johnson  
 May 7 Ms. Clarissa Cangelosi  
 May 8 Ms. Sarah Sirgo  
 May 16 Ms. Brindley Swaney

May 17 Ms. Linda Ellis  
 May 19 Ms. Rhonda Goldman  
 May 20 Mrs. Kathy Jaworski  
 May 20 Ms. Iona Thomson (Sis)  
 May 21 Ms. Susan Block  
 May 24 Ms. Eileen Schectman

May 28 Ms. Kim Weaver  
 May 30 Ms. Amy Klaffka

And a Happy Belated Birthday to Mrs. Vielhaber, whose birthday was April 12. Sorry Mrs. V!

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### Sequoyah Spirit Wear Items Still Available!!

Make sure you send in your order forms not later than Tuesday, May 2nd. Don't miss out on the wildly popular NEW mesh shorts for boys, and Softe athletic shorts for girls. You'll also find Sequoyah polo shirts, beach towels and more for sale just in time for summer. Deliveries will be made the week of May 15th.

Spirit Wear co-chairs, Cindy Batz Arnold and Lori Rowe

Did you know that Sequoyah gets cash for the Box Tops we submit? Let's not let the ones you've been collecting go to waste! Please send them in to your child's classroom teacher by May 31st. There will be an ice cream reward during lunch for the K-2 and 3-5 class with the most collected.

We are also going to kick off the Campbell's Labels for Education program this Fall. I would be happy to accept them now as part of the ice cream contest.

These programs can really benefit our school. I encourage you to browse these program's websites to get free coupons for box tops items, recipe ideas and more!

<http://www.labelsforeducation.com>

<http://www.boxtops4education.com>

Thanks for your support!!

Andrea Cameron  
Box Tops/ Campbell's Parent Volunteer

### Checking in with...

#### *Kindergarten*

This month we will continue our study of living things. We are looking forward to our trip to the farm on May 10. We will be studying the life cycle of ladybugs by observing ladybug habitats in our classrooms. In math, we will continue to work with the concepts of addition and subtraction, as well as estimation and money. Kindergarten Orientation will take place on Thursday, May 18 and Friday, May 19. There will be NO SCHOOL for current kindergarteners on these days. If you know of any child who plans to attend Sequoyah kindergarten next year and has not already contacted the office, please ask them to do so ASAP.

#### *Third Grade*

In May the third grade will be studying plant growth and development in science. We will be going to Croydon Creek Nature Center for a field trip related to this unit. There will also be an at-home plant project. We will begin our final unit, Unit six, in math which includes time, capacity, coordinate graphing and volume. We will be assessing Unit 5 in math on May 4. Our trip to the Keys game for guaranteed Accelerated Readers will be on May 7. There will be one last ACC trip in June. The final MAP-R reading test will be given the second week of May. We will be assigning our final book report for reading in May. As the year winds down we need to remember that homework is still being assigned. Weekly spelling and Four Star General tests are continuing. Our focus remains on academics and doing well in school. Our goal is to make this the best grading period yet.

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### UPDATE from Partners in Parenting Committee -- (Special Needs and Parent Support)

#### Recent showings of Richard Lavoie's films

On March 30 we sponsored a showing of Richard Lavoie's new film, "It's So Much Work to Be Your Friend: Helping the Learning Disabled Child Find Social Success." It provides practical strategies to help children in the social situations they face in school, home and community. He categorizes different ways children with learning disabilities can be disorganized and offers suggestions for managing each type of behavior.

On April 20 we showed "When the Chips are Down....Strategies for Improving Children's Behavior," which shares practical advice on dealing with behavioral problems quickly and effectively. Lavoie shows how preventive discipline can anticipate many problems before they start, and explains how teachers and parents can create a stable, predictable environment in which children can flourish.

Both were generously loaned by the Learning Disability Association of Montgomery County (LDAMC), [www.ldamc.org](http://www.ldamc.org). Due to the response from attendees, I'll use PTA funds to purchase these films for Sequoyah. Sequoyah's Special Needs Library, housed on a cart within the Media Center, already has "How Difficult Can This Be? The F.A.T. City Workshop," the powerful Lavoie film shown last December and previously purchased with PTA funds.

All three films are excellent. I encourage parents and staff to borrow these items from the Special Needs Library; I also welcome feedback on other books or films you feel would be useful.

The strong consensus from viewers was that these films should be mandatory for staff training as they would be so useful for teachers in their daily interaction with students. Parents strongly urge that these films be used in staff training in the future.

#### ***How Does Your Child Learn? - Thursday, May 4, 7:30 p.m. - Media Center***

Parent educator, Diana Thompson of the Division of Family and Community Partnerships will help us discover how our children learn best and what to do if our children struggle. Topics to be covered will include: What is your child's learning style? What are the seven intelligences? How can parents maximize success for their children in school? Where are resources to be found?

To enable us to provide enough packets for all attendees it would be helpful to have an idea of how many people will be there. Please let me know if you plan to attend by contacting Jean Sommerville at [wilbursfriend@aol.com](mailto:wilbursfriend@aol.com) or call 301-924-0128. Many thanks!

#### **Parenting Resources in Sequoyah's Media Center**

Recently purchased resources for parents and teachers may be found in the Media Center:

Overcoming Dyslexia, by Sally Shaywitz, M.D. (excellent!)

Gesell Institute of Human Development series explains development to parents and teachers:

Your Five-Year Old: Sunny and Serene

Your Six-Year-Old: Loving and Defiant

Your Seven-Year-Old: Life in a Minor Key

Your Eight-Year-Old: Lively and Outgoing

Your Nine-Year-Old: Thoughtful and Mysterious

Your Ten-to-Fourteen-Year Old

Primarily written for educators:

Temperament in the Classroom - Understanding Individual Differences, by Barbara Keogh,

Positive Behavioral Support in the Classroom, Principles and Practices by Jackson and Panyan

Two Richard Lavoie films were originally borrowed from LDAMC, then after the showings parents requested that I purchase them and that staff view them during trainings:

"It's So Much Work to be Your Friend: Helping the Learning Disabled Child Find Social Success"

"Learning Disabilities and Discipline: When the Chips are Down.....Strategies for Improving Children's Behavior."

Two other excellent films were purchased last year:

Lavoie's "How Difficult Can This Be? The F.A.T. City Workshop"  
"Ennis' Gift - a film about learning differences"

You may borrow items by putting your name, phone number and date on a card, then take them home.  
When you return them, strike through your name so others know it has been returned.

# OUTDOOR EDUCATION RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM

## OPEN HOUSE

At the  
Lathrop E. Smith Environmental Education Center  
5110 Meadowside Lane, Rockville

Saturday, June 3, 2006  
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

**D**o you have a child who will be in Grade 6 next school year? Here is a chance to see, hear and experience first hand what your child will be involved with while away at the Grade 6 Outdoor Education residential program.

**Y**ou will tour the cabins, walk around the grounds of the Smith Center. We will visit the Wetlands, the Observatory, and the Planetarium and learn about our other outdoor education sites.

**T**he outdoor education instructors will introduce you to the courses your son or daughter will be taking and you will have an opportunity to ask

questions about the residential outdoor education experience.

**A** Spanish interpreter will be available from the AESOL program and light refreshments will be served.

**P**lease call the Smith Center for directions at 301-924-3123 or visit the Outdoor Education website at:

[www.mcps.k12.md.us/curriculum/outdoored/](http://www.mcps.k12.md.us/curriculum/outdoored/)

Call the Smith Center with any questions, and to RSVP,  
at 301-924-3123

From Washington Beltway (I-495) take Exit 31 (Georgia Avenue) or Exit 33 (Connecticut Avenue) North past Rossmore Leisure World globe. Turn left on Norbeck Road (Route 28). At next traffic light, turn right onto Muncaster Mill Road (Route 115). Go 1.5 miles to Meadowside Lane at top of hill. Turn left into park and then right at L.E. Smith Center sign.

From I-270 Exit 9 onto I-370 going East toward the Metro. Take the Shady Grove Road East exit. Pass Midcounty Highway. Take a right onto Muncaster Mill Road. After Avery Road traffic light, turn right at Meadowside Lane into park and turn right at the L.E. Smith Center sign.

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Presented By:  
Sequoyah Elementary School

**Performance Dates: May 11 & 12, 2006**  
*Curtain Time: 7:00pm*

**Tickets: \$5.00/Adults**  
**\$3.00/Children under 12**

Please order tickets on the form below. Seating is limited and there are no reserved seats. For more information, call Sue Martin at 301-926-6509.

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### Ticket Order Form

Check which night you would like tickets for and how many:

**Thursday, May 11 – 7:00pm ?**

\_\_\_\_\_ # of adult tickets @ \$5.00 each  
\_\_\_\_\_ # of child tickets @ \$3.00 each  
\$\_\_\_\_\_ Total amount due

**Friday, May 12 – 7:00pm ?**

\_\_\_\_\_ # of adult tickets @ \$5.00 each  
\_\_\_\_\_ # of child tickets @ \$3.00 each  
\$\_\_\_\_\_ Total amount due

Please return this ticket order form to Mrs. Dabbs in the school office with your check for the amount due. Checks should be made payable to Sequoyah Elementary School. Your tickets will be delivered to your child prior to the show.

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*This program is sponsored by the PTA\*\***

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### Sequoyah Elementary School PTA Meeting

**April 4, 2006 7:50-9:20 PM**

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**Attendants:** Marissa Bailey, Cindy Batz-Arnold, Esther Caceres, Pat Chapin, Jeannette Cocci, Mickey Croom, Wanda Drake, Andrea Dumas, Jeff Freedman, Michelle Hicks, Lindzie Ingham, Bobbi Jasper, Derek Manon, Sue Martin, Kathleen McInnis, Tam Miller, Ellen Motley, Nellie Ross, Lori Rowe, Martha Schaerr, Santosh Saini, Isabel Seyed-Ali, Sarah Sirgo, Jean Sommerville, Rita Starost, Brindley Swaney, Andrea Troutner, Magda Tranamil, Tina Webb, Laura Weiner, Anastacia Wooden, Brenda Young

**Pat Chapin, president** opened the meeting after a scheduled presentation by Sylvan Learning Center entitled "Lighting the Motivational Fire." Jean Sommerville, Partner in Parenting chair facilitated the Sylvan visit. Sylvan distributed their presentation to PTA attendants.

Pat continued with introductions. March PTA minutes were approved as printed in the April Signal newsletter.

**Jeff Freedman, treasurer**, reported a \$12,521.58 balance in the PTA checking account and noted that the Sock Hop financial activity was not yet included in that balance. Jeff encouraged all families to enthusiastically support the upcoming PTA fundraisers.

**Andrea Troutner, first VP of programs**, has already filled most of the key positions on the PTA for next year! She thanked all those who have stepped up to help the school and PTA enrich the education of our students and the connectedness of our community. Some very important leadership positions remain open: Family Night, Spirit Wear, International Night co-chair, Arts, School Tool Box fundraiser, and Spring Dance (aka Sock Hop). Andrea said the strength of this year's leadership team will offer a running start to any PTA members who are willing to take on new positions. Past resources and the drive to try new things will help all those who bravely take the step to lead!

Some inactive/obsolete committees may be streamlined or folded into other activities for next year. Each committee will be carefully considered and each affected population will be consulted as the decision is formulated. The PTA suggested that a Sequoyah teacher could also become a board member; this will surely enhance the PTA goal setting and decision making processes.

**Michelle Hicks, second VP of fundraising**, offered many thanks to Jackie Koehn and Lori Rowe for one of the most widely attended Sock Hops in Sequoyah's recent history. Complimenting the planning, funding, and facilitating efforts, Michelle praised everyone who was involved.

**Michelle and Jeff** will schedule a meeting to discuss the fundraising calendar for next year. Their goal is to more evenly divide major fundraisers throughout the year.

Dr. Jasper, Sequoyah E.S. principal, said initial teacher allocations are decided based on the projected enrollment for 2006-07. As of this writing there will be:

- 4 (maybe 5) Kindergarten classes
- 4 first grade classes
- 5 second grade classes
- 4 third grade classes
- 3 fourth grade classes
- 3 fifth grade classes

Staff changes for next year include:

Teachers/staff leaving: Ms. Droter, art; Ms. Klaffka, second grade; Ms. Hamrick, third grade; Ms. Kenst, second grade; Sarah Sirgo, assistant principal.

Ms. Weaver and Ms. St. Bernard move to second grade.

Two new Kindergarten and two new third grade teachers are expected

Will also see additional art and PE staff.

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Performance data for the third, fourth, and fifth grades are on display at Sequoyah now to prepare to set goals for the coming school year. In addition, discipline patterns will continue to be analyzed to enhance student behavior management.

**Sarah Sirgo, assistant principal**, said the Gifted and Talented Global Screening is in progress as routinely scheduled in second grade. In addition, this year, the test is slightly different in that all second graders are tested. Families will also receive purple information slips to complete and return to augment the student placement process. The information gathered from parents about the ways their children learn will assist in class placement strategies for next year. As tradition holds, teacher assignments will be posted at the Sequoyah open house in August.

**Dr. Jasper** announced that the Magruder High School principal, Andre Gelman, will leave Magruder at the end of April. This is expected to impact Sequoyah since the cluster high school principal provides additional vision to the schools to enrich the overall educational focus. She also mentioned that the Volunteer Tea would be held on May 24<sup>th</sup> from 8-9 a.m. in the Media Center, and that she would not be able to attend the June PTA meeting as her son is graduating that evening.

**Kathleen McInnis, second grade teacher and selected staff representative to the PTA**, said students were energized by the recent Mad Science presentation. She said the program is one of the best uses of PTA funds. For next year, however, the PTA budget cuts put the Mad Science demonstration in potential jeopardy. Mad Science resonated throughout the PTA meeting as a program that exists because of enthusiastic and generous support by PTA fundraisers.

**This month, the fifth grade team** was represented at the PTA meeting. Each month, an instructional grade level attends the PTA meeting. Many of these dedicated teachers have been at Sequoyah since 7:00 a.m. Meeting attendants expressed appreciation for the teachers who dedicate many hours each day to supporting our children's education.

**Lori Rowe, Sock Hop co-chair**, said the event was extremely successful. Over 300 tickets were sold in advance with an additional 90 sold at the door. All food items were sold. Many thanks were extended to Linda Kuserk for her extraordinary efforts to build Silent Auction donations. In addition, Andréa Dumas was appreciated for working tirelessly with students to ensure a fun line dance performance. BAR-T and Sequoyah volunteers were also saluted.

**Tam Miller, book fair co-chair**, said the upcoming book fair is the final funding opportunity for the PTA this year. To maximize book fair patronage, Tam scheduled two evenings into the book fair. On April 26, the Sequoyah community will enjoy a courtyard book reading event with Brownie Girl Scout troop 6020 selling refreshments and Boy Scouts offering safety demonstrations.

**Pat** said the PTA by-laws distributed at the March 7 Sequoyah PTA meeting drew no comments. A motion passed to support the by-laws as amended and distributed at the March 7 meeting.

**Andrea Troutner, nominating committee chair**, said Sue Martin, Andrea Dumas and Linda Kuserk deserve special appreciation for scouting the best talent for next year's PTA leadership team. Andrea expressed thanks for the entire committee's vision and energy in securing one of the best teams yet for a dynamic educational environment for next year.

### **PTA Board nominations for 2006-07 include:**

**Andrea Troutner, president**

**First VP Programs, Sue Martin**

**Second VP Fundraising, Michelle Hicks and Wanda Drake**

**Treasurer, Jeff Freedman**

**Recording Secretary, Lindy Guerra**

**Corresponding Secretary, Jean Sommerville**

At the May 2006 meeting, any additional nominations will be considered. Final nominations will be forwarded for final installment at the June PTA meeting. Board positions take effect on July 1. On behalf of all PTA board members of the current year, any support needed will be provided to coming board and committee members. Many thanks to all who have stepped forward to lead the Sequoyah PTA community!

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**Marissa Baily, Kindergarten orientation chair**, said Kindergarten orientation is scheduled for May 18 and 19. Volunteers before, during and after the event are welcome. Snack bakers, materials preparers, and follow up planners are encouraged to lend a hand. Any and all willing volunteers are needed to welcome the newest Sequoyah students.

**Andrea Dumas, volunteer chair**, is collecting information for MCPS from all Sequoyah volunteers to quantify their committed service hours.

**Cindy Batz-Arnold, Spiritwear chair**, said the most popular items will be offered for immediate purchase during key events to maximize sales.

**Martha Schaerr, Sequoyah delegate to the Montgomery County Council of PTAs (MCCPTA)**, said two key area members were vying for MCCPTA leadership: the current Candlewood principal and the Watkins Mill principal. Martha explained that a representative from our local Magruder cluster (Candlewood principal) would more accurately represent Sequoyah than his competition. Sequoyah PTA meeting attendants moved to support Martha's voting on behalf of Sequoyah for the Candlewood contender.

Conversation ensued regarding the new MCPS policy to restrict middle school movie offerings to PG or G ratings while restricting high school movie offerings to PG-13. On the surface, many county parents support the policy. However, several key works are now prohibited: Schindler's List and many others. Sequoyah PTA moved to support the new guidelines with the opportunity to vote to include specific works of educational or artistic significance. Sarah Sirgo noted that final decisions on movie presentation policy lie with Dr. Weast.

**Dr. Jasper** said WMZQ recorded several K-2 classes reciting the Pledge of Allegiance for airing later in the week.

**Wanda Drake** raised concerns about limited participation in the PTA across all stakeholders: parents, guardians, teachers, and others.

**The spring musical "School House Rocks!" is coming Thursday and Friday, May 11 and 12.** Featuring more than 50 Sequoyah students, the event is a must-see for all. Adult tickets will cost \$5; children \$3.

**Jean Sommerville, partners in parenting chair**, announced a special presentation on May 4 highlighting a speaker on differences in learning styles and how children learn.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM. Respectfully submitted by Nellie Ross, recording secretary.

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### *Carta de la Presidenta y la Directora Mayo del 2006*

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¡Saludos!

¡No se puede creer que solamente resten 30 días de clase en este año! ¡Ha sido fantástico y nuestros estudiantes y familias han logrado mucho juntos!

Gracias a todos los que ayudaron con la Feria del Libro de la Primavera, y especialmente a Tam Miller y a Ellen Motley por coordinar la lectura en el patio interno y el entretenimiento especial durante la feria. ¡Esperamos que todos hayan acumulado una buena cantidad de libros para este verano!

Mayo y Junio volarán. La semana de apreciación al personal será el 7 al 13 de Mayo, nuestro musical, ***School House Rock***, el 11 y 12 de Mayo y la Orientación para Jardín de Infantes el 18 y 19 de Mayo. ¡Estén atentos que el panfleto y la información acerca de las entradas para el show llegarán a los hogares pronto! Todavía necesitamos a alguien que sepa manejar el sistema de sonido para el musical. Por favor llame a la Srta. Murphy a la escuela lo antes posible si usted puede hacerlo, o llame a Pat Chapin al 301-924-2606. Los niños están trabajando duro en el show y los asientos serán limitados. ¡No se lo va a querer perder!

En Junio, la fiesta de despedida de quinto grado se llevará a cabo el día 13. El equipo de quinto grado encabezado por la Sra. Beard, tiene planes especiales para nuestros estudiantes que se gradúan. La Ceremonia de Reconocimientos para K-4 será en Miercolas, el día 14. (La hora será anunciada mas adelante)

Gracias a todos los padres de la PTA que se han comprometido a ayudar y a presidir en los programas y proyectos del año que viene. En la reunión próxima de la PTA el 2 de Mayo de 2006 consideraremos el presupuesto propuesto, tomaremos algunas nominaciones adicionales para los puestos de funcionarios entre los presentes y después los miembros votarán a los nuevos representantes: Los funcionarios candidatos para el año 2006/2007 son:

***Presidenta: Andrea Troutner***

***1° VP/ Programas: Sue Martin***

***2° VP/ Recaudo de Fondos: Michelle Hicks y Wanda Drake***

***Tesorero: Jeff Freedman***

***Secretaria de Registro: Lindy Guerra***

***Secretaria de Correspondencia: Jean Sommerville***

Estamos encantados de decirles que Jean Sommerville (quien fue nominada para un reconocimiento de su trabajo tan maravilloso con Necesidades Especiales/Socios en Crianza) ha sido seleccionada como ganadora del Premio al Padre/Madre Sobresaliente dado por la Comisión de Necesidades Especiales de la MCCPTA. Ella será reconocida en una ceremonia especial y recepción en la escuela secundaria Rockville el 8 de Mayo a las 7:30 p.m. ¡Gracias por todo lo que haces Jean!

¡Siga leyendo y trabajando con sus niños en matemáticas así terminan el año fuerte y estarán listos para ser promovidos al próximo grado!

Sinceramente,

Pat Chapin  
Presidenta de la PTA

Dra. Bobbie Jasper  
Directora

# PROGRAMA RESIDENCIAL DE OUTDOOR EDUCATION

## VISITA ABIERTA

En el

**Lathrop E. Smith Environmental Education Center**  
5110 Meadowside Lane, Rockville

**El sábado, 3 de junio de 2005**  
**de la 1:00 hasta las 3:00 p.m.**

¿Tiene usted un hijo/a que estará en el Grado 6 el año que viene? Esta es su oportunidad de ver, oír y experimentar de primera mano en lo que estará envuelto/a su hijo/a cuando esté en el programa residencial de Outdoor Education (Educación al Aire Libre) del Grado 6.

Usted visitará las cabañas, caminará por los terrenos del Centro Smith. Visitaremos las Tierras Húmedas (Wetlands), el Observatorio y el Planetario, y aprenderemos de los otros sitios de educación al aire libre.

Los instructores de educación al aire libre les presentarán los cursos que su hijo/a tomará, y usted tendrá la oportunidad de hacer preguntas sobre la experiencia residencial de educación al aire libre.

Un intérprete de español estará disponible del programa de ESOL, y se servirán refrescos.

Por favor, llame al Smith Center para las direcciones al 301-924-3123 o visite el sitio Web de Outdoor Education:  
[www.mcps.k12.md.us/curriculum/outdoored/](http://www.mcps.k12.md.us/curriculum/outdoored/)

**Llame al Smith Center al 301-924-3123 con cualquier pregunta que tenga y para responder a la invitación.**

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Presentado Por:  
Sequoyah Elementary School

**Fechas de Actuación: 11 y 12 de Mayo, 2006**  
**Hora: 7:00pm**

**Entradas: \$5.00/Adults**  
**\$3.00/Children under 12**

Por favor haga el pedido de entradas en el formulario debajo.  
Asientos limitados, no habrá asientos reservados. Para más  
información llame a  
Sue Martin al 301-926-6509.

## Formulario de Pedido de Entradas

Marque que noche y cuantas entradas quisiera:

Jueves, 11 de Mayo – 7:00pm ?

Viernes, 12 de Mayo – 7:00pm ?

\_\_\_\_\_ N° de adultos a \$5.00 c/u.

\_\_\_\_\_ N° de adultos a \$5.00 c/u

\_\_\_\_\_ N° de niños a \$3.00 c/u.

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\$\_\_\_\_\_ Monto total

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Por favor devuelva este formulario a la Sra. Dabas en la secretaría de la escuela con su cheque por el monto total. Haga el cheque a nombre de Sequoyah Elementary School. Las entradas serán entregadas a sus niños antes de la actuación.

Su nombre: \_\_\_\_\_ Teléfono: \_\_\_\_\_

Nombre del Niño/a: \_\_\_\_\_ Maestro/a: \_\_\_\_\_

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